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City of Falls Church Children's Storyteller Dies at 77



FALLS CHURCH, VA. – City of Falls Church Children's Storyteller Valerie Stanley, 77, died suddenly in her sleep the evening of Monday, May 22. Stanley was a known fixture at the Mary Riley Styles Public Library, loved by children for her Wednesday night story hours and craft programs. She began working at the MRS Library as a volunteer in Technical Services in September 2000 and in May 2001 was hired to work as a Library Assistant in the Youth Services Department.

Born in London, England, Stanley lived in New Mexico, Michigan, Maryland, Guatemala, and Spain before settling in Arlington six years ago. She spoke several languages, taught Spanish language and Latin American courses at Western Maryland College, ran art galleries, and was a buyer for exquisite crystal and china for companies across the country before joining the Library's staff.

Stanley is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

There will not be a funeral service. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the Library. Checks should be made payable to the Mary Riley Styles Public Library and mailed to 120 N. Virginia Ave., Falls Church, VA 22046. In the memo line, please indicate that the donation is in memory of Valerie Stanley.

"I extend my thoughts and support to Valerie's family and friends and the Library staff who have lost a valued coworker. She will be deeply missed by her friends and colleagues and all who grew to know her through her story hours," says City Manager Daniel E. McKeever.

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